



# PINNACLES

## NATIONAL PARK

RECREATION  
VISITORS (2017)

233,334

State: **California**

Year Established: **2013**

Land Area: **26,686 acres**

Highest Elevation: **North Chalone Peak -  
3,304 feet (1,007 m)**

Animal Species in Park: **340+**

Notable Animal:  
**California condor**



Plant Species in Park: **628+**

Notable Plant: **California poppy**



The pinnacles are composed of rhyolite, dacite, breccia, and andesite. They were formed 23 million years ago when the Neenach Volcano erupted.

### HISTORICAL FACTS

- Native Chalon and Mutsun peoples lived in the area for over 10,000 years.
- Spanish missionaries came via Mexico in the late 1700s.
- Many of the native peoples died from the introduction of European diseases.
- Schuyler Hain of Michigan settled here in 1891 and began to promote tours of the Pinnacles.
- In 1908 President Theodore Roosevelt established the Pinnacles as a national monument.
- President Obama signed the bill in 2013 that gave Pinnacles status as the 59th national park.

### DID YOU KNOW . . .

- The park's base layer of rock is granite that formed 78–100 million years ago.
- The park is named for its unusual rock formations, called pinnacles.
- The park is located near the San Andreas Fault.
- Several species of chaparral are the dominant plants in the park.
- California condors bred in captivity are released here as part of a recovery program.

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